

**Supplement to Summary Prospectus dated 03/15/2021****STARBOARD INVESTMENT TRUST****ADAPTIVE FUNDAMENTAL GROWTH FUND  
ADAPTIVE HEDGED HIGH INCOME FUND  
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ADAPTIVE TACTICAL ECONOMIC FUND  
ADAPTIVE TACTICAL ROTATION FUND**

**Supplement dated March 15, 2021  
to the Prospectus, Summary Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”),  
each dated October 1, 2020 for each Fund except the Adaptive Hedged Income Fund and each dated  
January 12, 2021 for the Adaptive Hedged Income Fund**

***This Supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the Prospectus, Summary Prospectus and SAI, and should be retained and read in conjunction with, the Prospectus, Summary Prospectus and SAI for the Funds.***

Effective March 15, 2021, the Adaptive Hedged Income Fund is changing its name to Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income Fund and the Adaptive Tactical Economic Fund is changing its name to the Adaptive Tactical Outlook Fund.

At a meeting held on March 11, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Starboard Investment Trust (the “Board”) approved the reorganization of the Adaptive Fundamental Growth Fund, Adaptive Hedged High Income Fund, Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income Fund, Adaptive Tactical Outlook Fund and Adaptive Tactical Rotation Fund (collectively, the “Mutual Funds”) into the Adaptive Fundamental Growth ETF, Adaptive Hedged High Income ETF, Adaptive Hedged Multi-Asset Income ETF, Adaptive Tactical Outlook ETF, and Adaptive Tactical Rotation ETF, respectively (collectively, the “ETFs”). These reorganizations will occur pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization whereby each of the Mutual Funds will transfer all of its assets and liabilities to the respective ETFs, each a newly organized series of the Starboard Investment Trust, in a tax-free reorganization. The investment objective, principal investment strategies, and portfolio management will remain the same after the reorganizations. A Combined Information Statement and Prospectus containing information on the ETFs, reasons for the proposed reorganizations and benefits to the Mutual Funds’ shareholders will be mailed before the consummation of the reorganizations to shareholders of the Mutual Funds.

Effective March 15, 2021, Class A and Class C shares of the Mutual Funds will be closed to all new investments. Institutional Class shares of the Mutual Funds will continue to allow new investments.

For further information, please contact the Funds toll-free at 1-800-773-3863. You may obtain additional copies of each of the Prospectus, Summary Prospectus, and Statement of Additional Information, free of charge, by writing to the Funds at Post Office Box 4365, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27803 or calling the Funds toll-free at the number above.

**Investors Should Retain This Supplement for Future Reference**

*Institutional Class Shares CMSFX  
Class C Shares CMSYX  
Class A Shares CAVMX*

# **Adaptive Tactical Economic Fund**

*(previously, Cavalier Tactical Economic Fund)*

*A series of the*  
**Starboard Investment Trust**

## **SUMMARY PROSPECTUS**

October 1, 2020

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's Prospectus and other information about the Fund online at <http://www.ncfunds.com/fundpages/860.htm>. You can also get this information at no cost by calling 1-800-773-3863 or by sending an e-mail request to [info@ncfunds.com](mailto:info@ncfunds.com). The Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by the regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the Fund's shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from the Fund or your financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank). Instead, the reports will be made available on the Fund's website at <https://www.nottinghamco.com/fundpages/Adaptive>, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you previously elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports, prospectuses, and other communications from the Fund electronically anytime by contacting your financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank) or, if you are a direct investor, by enrolling at <https://www.nottinghamco.com/fundpages/Adaptive>.

You may elect to receive all future shareholder reports in paper free of charge. If you invest through a financial intermediary, you can contact your financial intermediary to request that you continue to receive paper copies of your shareholder reports. If you invest directly with the Fund, you can call 800-773-3863 to let the Fund know you wish to continue receiving paper copies of your shareholder reports. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held with your financial intermediary.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The **Adaptive Tactical Economic Fund** (formerly, the Cavalier Tactical Economic Fund) (the “Fund”) seeks total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income, with a secondary goal of downside protection.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts on purchases of Class A shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in the Fund. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and is included in the section of the Fund’s prospectus entitled **Class A shares** on page 82 and **Appendix A – Intermediary-Specific Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers**, and in the sections of the Fund’s Statement of Additional Information entitled **Additional Purchase and Redemption Information** on page 37.

### Shareholder Fees

*(fees paid directly from your investment)*

	Institutional	Class C	Class A
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a % of offering price)	None	None	4.50%
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a % of the lesser of amount purchased or redeemed)	None	1.00%	None
Redemption Fee (as a % of amount redeemed)	None	None	None

### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

*(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)*

	Institutional	Class C	Class A
Management Fees	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	None	1.00%	0.25%
Other Expenses	1.50%	1.53%	1.58%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2.61%</b>	<b>3.64%</b>	<b>2.94%</b>
Less Fee Waiver and/or Expense Limitation <sup>2</sup>	(1.25)%	(1.28)%	(1.33)%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Limitation</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>2.36%</b>	<b>1.61%</b>

<sup>1</sup>. “Acquired Fund” means any investment company in which the Fund invests or has invested during the previous fiscal year. The “Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses” and “Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses” will not match the Fund’s gross and net expense ratios reported in the Financial Highlights from the Fund’s financial statements, which reflect the operating expenses of the Fund and do not include Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses.

2. *Cavalier Investments, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Investments, the investment advisor to the Fund (the “Advisor”), has entered into an expense limitation agreement with the Fund under which it has agreed to waive or reduce its fees and assume other expenses of the Fund, if necessary, in an amount that limits the Fund’s annual operating expenses (exclusive of: (i) any front-end or contingent deferred loads; (ii) brokerage fees and commissions, (iii) acquired fund fees and expenses; (iv) fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example option and swap fees and expenses); (v) borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short); (vi) taxes; and (vii) extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees and contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Advisor)) to not more than 1.25%, 2.25%, and 1.50% of the average daily net assets of the Institutional, Class C, and Class A shares of the Fund, respectively. Net annual operating expenses for the Fund may exceed these limits to the extent that it incurs expenses enumerated above as exclusions. The expense limitation agreement runs through September 30, 2021 and may be terminated by the Board at any time. The Advisor cannot recoup from the Fund any amounts paid by the Advisor under the expense limitation agreement.*

**Example.** This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem (or you hold) all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. The Example includes the Fund’s contractual expense limitation through September 30, 2021. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Class	\$138	\$692	\$1,273	\$2,851
Class C	\$339	\$997	\$1,775	\$3,815
Class A	\$606	\$1,199	\$1,816	\$3,474

You would pay the following expenses if you did not redeem your shares:

Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Class	\$138	\$692	\$1,273	\$2,851
Class C	\$239	\$997	\$1,775	\$3,815
Class A	\$606	\$1,199	\$1,816	\$3,474

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. For the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 141.55% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund seeks to achieve the Fund’s investment objective of total return by investing in exchange traded funds (“ETFs”) as well as other funds that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) and not affiliated with the Fund (together, the “Portfolio Funds”). The Fund is considered “diversified” under the 1940 Act.

The strategy will follow an asset allocation strategy under which the Advisor selects ETFs that invest in equity securities and fixed income securities. The equity securities consist of primarily U.S. large cap, mid cap, and small cap securities. The fixed income securities will be primarily investment grade and may be of any duration and maturity, although, the Advisor expects that most will be short to medium term fixed income securities. The Advisor selects individual ETFs based on their performance track record, portfolio manager views on the underlying investments, and risk/return analysis of the ETF against a comparable benchmark. The asset allocation strategy of the Fund deploys the Fund's assets among equity and fixed income securities based on the Advisor's internal technical and economic fundamental research. Economic fundamental research focuses on macroeconomic factors (e.g. economy and industry conditions). The Fund may invest 0-100% of its assets in equity and in fixed income securities based on the optimal allocation suggested by the Advisor's research. The Fund may also invest in ETFs that invest in alternative investments, which will consist primarily of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"), limited partnerships, commodities, long/short equity, smart beta, or global macro strategies to hedge the equity and fixed income investments with 0-20% of Fund assets.

The Portfolio Funds will not be limited in their investments by market capitalization or sector criteria. The selection of equity ETFs is based on how well the ETF tracks an index for large cap securities (S&P 500), mid cap securities (S&P Mid Cap 400), and small cap securities (Russell 2000). The selection of fixed income ETFs is based on how well the ETF tracks an index for short to intermediate US Treasuries, or the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index. The Portfolio Funds in which a portfolio manager invests will have an investment objective similar to the Fund's or will otherwise hold permitted investments under the Fund's investment policies. Although the Fund principally invests in Portfolio Funds with no sales related expenses or very low sales related expenses, a portfolio manager is not precluded from investing in Portfolio Funds with sales-related expenses, redemption fees, and/or service fees.

The Fund will sell a Portfolio Fund when a more attractive investment opportunity is identified, or the Fund's portfolio needs to be rebalanced based on the Advisor's internal technical and economic fundamental research. As a result of this strategy, the Fund may have a relatively high level of portfolio turnover compared to other mutual funds, which may affect the Fund's performance due to higher transaction costs and taxes. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor in making investment decisions.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND**

The loss of your money is a principal risk of investing in the Fund. Investments in the Fund are subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of some or the entire principal amount invested. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be successful in meeting its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit or obligation of any bank, is not endorsed or guaranteed by any bank, and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Accordingly, you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund will be subject to the following principal risks:

**Common Stock Risk.** Investments by the Fund and Portfolio Funds in shares of common stock may fluctuate in value response to many factors, including the activities of the individual issuers whose securities the Fund or Portfolio Fund owns, general market and economic conditions, interest rates, and specific industry changes. Such price fluctuations subject the Fund to potential losses. During temporary or extended bear markets, the value of common stocks will decline, which could also result in losses for the Fund.

**Control of Portfolio Funds Risk.** The Portfolio Funds each have their own unique investment objective, strategies, and risks. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio Funds will achieve their investment objectives and the Fund has exposure to the investment risks of the Portfolio Funds in direct proportion to the allocation of assets among the funds. The investment policies of the Portfolio Funds may differ from the Fund's policies.

Although the Fund and the Advisor will evaluate regularly each Portfolio Fund to determine whether its investment program is consistent with the Fund's investment objective, the Advisor will not have any control over the investments made by a Portfolio Fund. The investment advisor to each Portfolio Fund may change aspects of its investment strategies at any time. The Advisor will not have the ability to control or otherwise influence the composition of the investment portfolio of a Portfolio Fund.

**Equity Securities Risk.** Investments by the Portfolio Funds in equity securities may fluctuate in value response to many factors, including the activities of the individual issuers whose securities the Portfolio Fund owns, general market and economic conditions, interest rates, and specific industry changes. Such price fluctuations subject the Fund to potential losses. During temporary or extended bear markets, the value of equity securities will decline, which could also result in losses for the Fund.

**ETF Investing Risk.** The Fund's investment in ETFs may subject the Fund to additional risks than if the Fund would have invested directly in the ETF's underlying securities. These risks include the possibility that an ETF may experience a lack of liquidity that can result in greater volatility than its underlying securities, an ETF may trade at a premium or discount to its net asset value, or an ETF may not replicate exactly the performance of the benchmark index it seeks to track. In addition, investing in an ETF may also be costlier than if the Fund had owned the underlying securities directly. The Fund and, indirectly, shareholders of the Fund, bear a proportionate share of the ETF's expenses, which include management and advisory fees and other expenses. In addition, the Fund will pay brokerage commissions in connection with the purchase and sale of ETFs in the Fund's portfolio.

**Fund Investing Risk.** Investments in other investment companies subject the Fund to additional operating and management fees and expenses. Investors in the Fund will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the funds in which the Fund invests, in addition to the Fund's direct fees and expenses. The Fund's performance depends in part upon the performance of the investment advisor to each Portfolio Fund, the strategies and instruments used by the Portfolio Funds, and the Advisor's ability to select Portfolio Funds and effectively allocate fund assets among them.

**Investment Advisor Risk.** The Advisor's ability to choose suitable investments has a significant impact on the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objectives.

**Large-Cap Securities Risk.** Stocks of large companies as a group can fall out of favor with the market, causing the Fund to underperform investments that have a greater focus on mid-cap or small-cap stocks. Larger, more established companies may be slow to respond to challenges and may grow more slowly than smaller companies.

**Market Risk.** Market risk refers to the possibility that the value of securities held by the Fund may decline due to daily fluctuations in the market. Market prices for securities change daily as a result of many factors, including developments affecting the condition of both individual companies and the market in general. The price of a security may even be affected by factors unrelated to the value or condition of its issuer, including changes in interest rates, economic and political conditions, and general market conditions. The Fund's performance per share will change daily in response to such factors.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Advisor will sell Portfolio Funds and other securities when it is in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders to do so without regard to the length of time they have been held. As portfolio turnover may involve paying brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, there could be additional expenses for the Fund. High rates of portfolio turnover may also result in the realization of short-term capital gains and losses. Any distributions resulting from such gains will be considered ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

**Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Securities Risk.** The Fund and Portfolio Funds may invest in securities of small-cap and mid-cap companies, which involves greater volatility than investing in larger and more established companies. Small-cap and mid-cap companies can be subject to more abrupt or erratic share price changes than larger, more established companies. Securities of these types of companies have limited market liquidity, and their prices may be more volatile. You should expect that the value of the Fund's shares will be more volatile than a fund that invests exclusively in large-capitalization companies.

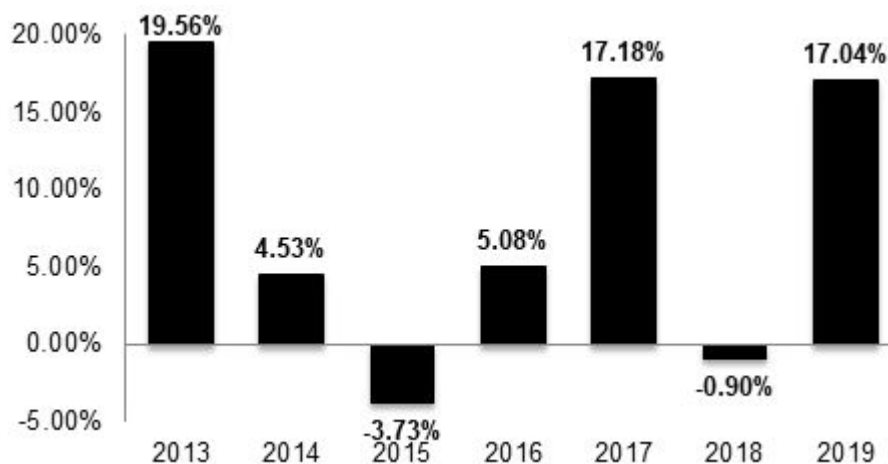
**Cybersecurity Risk.** As part of its business, the Advisor processes, stores, and transmits large amounts of electronic information, including information relating to the transactions of the Fund. The Advisor and the Fund are therefore susceptible to cybersecurity risk. Cybersecurity failures or breaches of the Fund or its service providers have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, the inability of Fund shareholders to transact business, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, and/or reputational damage. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result.

**COVID-19 Risk.** An outbreak of infectious respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 was first detected in China in December 2019 and has now been detected globally. COVID-19 has resulted in travel restrictions, closed international borders, enhanced health screenings at ports of entry and elsewhere, disruption of and delays in healthcare service preparation and delivery, prolonged quarantines, cancellations, supply chain disruptions, and lower consumer demand, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of COVID-19, and other infectious illness outbreaks that may arise in the future, could adversely affect the economies of many countries or the entire global economy, individual issuers and capital markets in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen. In addition, the impact of infectious illnesses in emerging market countries may be greater due to generally less established healthcare systems. Public health crises caused by the COVID-19 outbreak may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. As such, issuers of debt securities with operations, productions, offices, and/or personnel in (or other exposure to) areas affected with the virus may experience significant disruptions to their business and/or holdings. The potential impact on the credit markets may include market illiquidity, defaults and bankruptcies, among other consequences, particularly on issuers in the airline, travel and leisure and retail sectors. The extent to which COVID-19 will affect the Fund, the Fund's service providers' and/or issuer's operations and results will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information that may emerge concerning the severity of COVID-19 and the actions taken to contain COVID-19. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected. As a result, whether or not the Fund invests in securities of issuers located in or with significant exposure to countries experiencing economic, political and/or financial difficulties, the value and liquidity of the Fund's investments may be negatively affected by such events. If there is a significant decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio, this may impact the Fund's asset coverage levels for certain kinds of derivatives and other portfolio transactions. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on the global economy cannot be determined with certainty.

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following bar chart and tables provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's Institutional Class Shares performance from year to year and by showing how the average annual total returns for each class compared to that of a broad-based securities market index. Although Class A and Class C shares would have similar annual returns because they have the same total annual fund operating expenses, Class A and Class C shares average annual total returns would be lower than those shown for Institutional Class Shares in the table because Class A and Class C shares generally have higher expenses than Institutional Class Shares. Prior to July 31, 2015, the Fund had a different investment advisor. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available online at <http://www.ncfunds.com/fundpages/860.htm> for the Institutional Class Shares, <http://www.ncfunds.com/fundpages/861.htm> for the Class C Shares, and <http://www.ncfunds.com/fundpages/880.htm> for Class A Shares.

### Institutional Class Calendar Year Returns



During the periods shown in the bar chart above the Fund's highest quarterly return was 6.91% (quarter ended March 31, 2019) and the Fund's lowest quarterly return was -7.80% (quarter ended December 31, 2018). The Fund's year-to-date return as of June 30, 2020 was -13.17%.

Average Annual Total Returns Periods Ended December 31, 2019	Past 1 Year	Past 5 Years	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
<b>Institutional Class Shares</b>			
Before taxes	17.04%	6.57%	8.11%
After taxes on distributions	16.40%	5.20%	6.70%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	9.64%	4.76%	6.07%
S&P 500 Total Return Index (reflects no deductions for fees and expenses)	31.49%	11.70%	13.86%
<b>Class C Shares</b>			
Before taxes	15.89%	5.52%	7.21%
<b>Class A Shares</b>			
Before taxes	16.87%	N/A	10.40%

<sup>1</sup> September 20, 2012, for Institutional Class Shares, October 18, 2018 for Class A Shares, and September 26, 2012, for Class C Shares.

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown and are not applicable to investors who hold Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account (IRA). After-tax returns are shown for only one class of shares and after-tax returns will vary for other classes.

## MANAGEMENT

**Investment Advisor.** Cavalier Investments, LLC d/b/a Adaptive Investments, serves as the Fund's investment advisor.

**Portfolio Managers.** The Fund's portfolio manager is Scott Wetherington. Mr. Wetherington has provided services to the Fund since July 2016.

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

The minimum initial investment for the Fund and all share classes is \$1,000 and the minimum subsequent investment is \$50, although the minimums may be waived or reduced in some cases.

The Fund's shares are available for purchase and are redeemable on any business day through your broker-dealer and directly from the Fund by mail, facsimile, telephone, and bank wire. Purchase and redemption orders of Fund shares by mail should be sent to the Adaptive Funds, c/o Nottingham Shareholder Services, Post Office Box 4365, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27803-0365. Purchase and redemption orders by facsimile should be transmitted to 919-882-9281. Please call the Fund at 1-800-773-3863 to conduct telephone transactions or to receive wire instructions for bank wire orders. The Fund has also authorized certain broker-dealers to accept purchase and redemption orders on its behalf. Investors who wish to purchase or redeem Fund shares through a broker-dealer should contact the broker-dealer directly.

## TAX INFORMATION

Fund distributions are generally taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account (IRA). Distributions on investments made through tax deferred arrangement will generally be taxed later upon withdrawal of assets from those accounts.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank) the Fund, and its related companies, may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.